

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on March 23, 2005  
at 3:30 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Bob Bergren (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

##### **Members Absent:**

Rep. John Balyeat (R)

**Staff Present:** Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 795, 3/17/2005  
Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 795**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. JOHN WITT (R)**, HD 28, opened the hearing on **HB 795**, Revise laws related to transportation and fuel taxes.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:49           **SEN. JERRY BLACK, SD 14, SHELBY**

00:13:10           Keith Schott, Montana Grain Growers

00:14:42           Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:15:29           Jim Currie, Department of Transportation

00:19:50           Spook Stang, Motor Carriers Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:59

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:36:23

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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